Scarcity of water in Oollur.

178. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Are the Government aware that there is great scarcity of drinking water in Oollur in the Trivandrum taluk?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to call for a report as to whether a small plot of Government land situated on the side of the Trivandrum-Quilon road near the girls' school at Oollur cannot be made available for sinking a well?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) It is being enquired into.

(2) Yes.

Abolition of Apicultural, Sericultural and Poultry sections of the Agricultural Department.

179. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before them to abolish the apiculture, sericulture and poultry farming sections of the Department of Agriculture?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no such proposal before Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the question of the abolition or the continuation of these sections is being considered by the Government?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): On both the points, a report has been called for from the head of the department.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know the circumstances that necessitated the calling for such a report?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Calling for a report is different from a proposal. It is preliminary to considering a question. Your original question was whether there was any proposal before Government. The answer is "there is no such proposal."

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I submit that they are closely related matters. Of course, as an outsider I could only get information that something is going on in regard to the abolition of these sections.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It has already been answered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The answer is that a report has been called for. Now I wish to know what grounds there are for raising such a question? I think it is a relevant supplementary question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I do not say that it is not relevant. I merely suggested to you that your original question has been fully answered.

MR. A THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is something out of the way that Government should call for a report from the head of a

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department why certain branches should not be abolished. That to me appears to be a matter which requires elucidation. So I put the question.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A report has been called for at the instance of the Dewan who came to know that sericulture and apiculture are being undertaken by other persons also and done more scientifically. He therefore wanted to know whether those sections of the department may be abolished.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know who the other persons are who are doing this work?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is being done at Marthandam.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the way in which it is done at Marthandam or the object with which it is done there?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have no information. I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The member said that this work is done *more scientifically* at Marthandam than in the Government sections of the Agricultural Department. I wish to know why the learned member says so?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): We act under the orders of the Dewan. We do not know how he got the information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the object of Government in maintaining these two sections. Is it to mislead people?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no intention of misleading.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): When the Government do things unscientifically?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: There I think you are wrong.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): At any rate less scientifically than private agencies.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are wrong again. Government do it scientifically. Probably the private agency may do it more cheaply.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): No, Sir, the admission of the Government is that the private agency is able to do it *more scientifically* with the limited resources at its disposal.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is only a reflection on the department that others are able to do more scientifically.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know why these two sections of the Department of Agriculture are being maintained and whether the object of the department and the object with which things are done at Marthandam are the same?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It was reported that the matter was being done *more scientifically* at Marthandam. Government wanted to ascertain whether that was so.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I wish to know whether the object of the Government in spending money on the two sections is the same as the object of the private agency which does these things at Marthandam ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The object of the Government is to open up industries and also to conduct demonstration as an object lesson.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I wish to know whether that is an authoritative statement on behalf of Government ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : I wish to know, Sir, whether the President can intervene and answer on behalf of the Government ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It is not answering on behalf of the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I wish to have an authoritative statement from the Government.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I do not think it is relevant.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : What is the object of the Government in having started these institutions in the first instance ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : These farms were started by the Government with the object of experimenting, demonstrating and popularising the measure, so far as I know.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Are these exactly the objects of the Marthandam people ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I believe so.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : So, when private agencies come forward to popularise these things, Government may be in a position to abolish the sections altogether. Is that the position of the Government ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) Government will then consider the position.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : If several private agencies come forward to experiment on manuring, then probably a large department will be abolished and if people come forward to experiment on soils probably the whole department will be abolished. Is that the position of the Government ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is the answer of the Government. You can draw your own inference.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : The member said the object of the Government was to experiment, demonstrate and popularise. So far as that goes, there is nothing objectionable. Have the Marthandam people got agencies throughout the State or is it a localised farm ?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): We have not got any definite information on it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the report that has been called for is a report as to why these two sections should not be abolished or is it a report which will be the result of investigation into the whole question?

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, the time for answering interpellations is over.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter referred to the head of the department was to find out whether there were circumstances prevailing which would enable Government to abolish those branches of the poultry department.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to know whether there are circumstances now existing as would justify the abolition of the department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am only referring to the abolition of certain branches of the department.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether, the Dewan, acted on any representation or on his own initiative?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He might have had some information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Could any information be made available to the House now?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any record to show that any body or public agency approached the Dewan with a request that those sections of the Agricultural Department should be abolished?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No such information is available.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there anything to show on what basis the Dewan acted?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He has answered that point.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): He has not answered that.

Again I put the question, is there anything to show on what basis the Dewan acted?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He might have had got that information from somebody.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, the learned Secretary is answering on behalf of Government. Therefore he must be in a position to know whether there is anything to show on what basis the Dewan acted? The Secretary is saying that the Dewan might have got information from somebody. That position I also understand. I would like to get a definite answer to my point.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You now just ask on what materials the Dewan wanted to institute an enquiry. That question has been answered. Naturally, I may tell you, he cannot answer that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): But the Secretary says that the Dewan took the initiative in the matter. He does not say he cannot answer.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Thanu Pillai, you proceed a step further and ask the Government to answer, on what materials the Dewan acted. The Secretary in charge of the question replies that he does not know.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That he does not say. But the Secretary says that there might have been something on which the Dewan acted.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I answered that I was not aware on what definite basis the Dewan had acted.

Abolition of the post of the Ayurveda Director.

180. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the Ayurveda Director's place is left vacant?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Inspector of Vaidyasalas has been placed in charge of the Director's duties and the formation of an Ayurveda Board is under the consideration of the Government.

Registry of Forest areas.

181. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Conservator of Forests has ever written to them during the last four years (1102-1105) that he had no objection to have certain specified forest areas registered in the names of private individuals?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the area of each and the names of the persons in whose favour those recommendations were made?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) Such instances are so numerous that it is not possible to collect the information required without an amount of labour and expenditure quite disproportionate to the benefits likely to accrue therefrom.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Part (2). Such instances are so numerous that it is not possible to collect the information required without an amount of labour and expenditure quite disproportionate to the benefits likely to accrue therefrom.

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